**MINUTES OF CAVAN HOUSING & DISABILITY STEERING GROUP MEETING IN**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, CAVAN**

 **AT 2.30 P.M. ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2019**

**Present:-** Claire Feeney, Housng Agency

 Collette Ferguson, Mental Health, HSE

 Marion McCormack, Physical & Sensory Disabilities, HSE

 Trish Kane, Housing Co-ordinator Mental Health, HSE

 Cathy O’Hanlon, Sensory Disabilities, HSE

 Bridie McBrearty, Cavan County Council

**Apologies:** Eoin Doyle, Director of Service

Denise Downey, HSE

 Bernard McVeigh, Newgrove Housing Assoc

 Jeanette Cummings, HSE

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were noted.

**2. National Update**

CF provided an update on the housing of people with disabilities from a national perspective. She advised that activity was increasing in this whole area and that there was a need to examine the membership of the Group to ensure that the appropriate HSE personnel (one from each of the four categories of disability) sit on the group together with representatives of the larger Approved Housing Bodies. In addition training for Groups was being developed by the Agency and further details would be provided in due course.

She further advised that the social housing application form was being reviewed to incorporate key information required when a person with a disability is making an application for housing.

**3. Implementation of Cavan Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability 2016 – 2020**

It was agreed that there was a need to revisit the targets set in the plan. Following discussion, it was agreed that the HSE representatives would arrange to meet with BMcB to devise and compare the lists of people with disabilities who require accommodation. It would then be possible to create a register of need in the following categories:

* No adaptations required in property
* Minor – access
* Medium – some structural work, wet room
* New purpose build to meet complex needs. Target wheelchair liveable units in any new schemes

**4. Assessment and Allocations process for people with a Disability**

The document issued by the Agency in relation to the National Guidelines for the Assessment and Allocations process for People with a Disability was discussed. The new requirements were noted, and it was agreed that this would be considered further at the next meeting.

**5. Any other Business**

BMcB agreed to examine the current Building Programme and provide details at next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.